

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	: CRIMINAL NO. _____
	: DATE FILED: _____
v.	
EDWARD HUDDLESTON,	: VIOLATIONS:
a/k/a "Edward Huddleston,"	21 U.S.C. § 846 (conspiracy to distribute
a/k/a "Ed Hud,"	methamphetamine - 1 count)
a/k/a "Eddie Huddle,"	21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (distribution of
a/k/a "Eddie Haddleston"	methamphetamine - 2 counts)
DAVID STROOT	21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (possession with
JOSEPH RAGNOLI	intent to distribute methamphetamine - 1
	count)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. From at least in or about July 2004 through on or about
June 8, 2005, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendants

EDWARD HUDDLESTON,
 a/k/a "Edward Huddleston,"
 a/k/a "Ed Hud,"
 a/k/a "Eddie Huddle,"
 a/k/a "Eddie Haddleston"
DAVID STROOT, and
JOSEPH RAGNOLI

conspired and agreed, together and with others known and unknown to the grand jury, to
knowingly and intentionally distribute more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a
detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title
21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

2. Defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON acquired quantities of methamphetamine in California from persons known and unknown to the grand jury, and distributed the methamphetamine, in crystalized form, to defendants DAVID STROOT and JOSEPH RAGNOLI in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

3. At various times during the conspiracy defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON shipped quantities of methamphetamine from California to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania via the United States Postal Service, Federal Express, and United Parcel Service (UPS). Defendant HUDDLESTON concealed the methamphetamine shipped by these carriers in containers, including coffee jars, baseball bats with hollowed chambers, stereo equipment, a hollowed telescope and a plasma television set. The quantities of methamphetamine sent by defendant HUDDLESTON in any one shipment ranged from approximately one ounce to approximately ten pounds, depending upon the availability of methamphetamine and upon the ability of defendants DAVID STROOT and JOSEPH RAGNOLI to resell the methamphetamine.

4. The methamphetamine shipped by defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON through the carriers identified in paragraph 3 above, was normally sent to an address in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where defendant DAVID STROOT received the methamphetamine. On one occasion, defendant HUDDLESTON directed that the methamphetamine be sent to an address defendant HUDDLESTON had access to in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. On this occasion defendant HUDDLESTON took possession of the methamphetamine in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania and personally delivered the methamphetamine to

defendant STROOT.

5. At times defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON “fronted” the methamphetamine to defendant DAVID STROOT, who in turn “fronted” the methamphetamine to defendant JOSEPH RAGNOLI. Under this agreement, defendant STROOT would pay defendant HUDDLESTON after defendant STROOT was paid by defendant RAGNOLI, and defendant RAGNOLI would pay defendant STROOT after defendant RAGNOLI had sold the methamphetamine to his customers. Defendants RAGNOLI and STROOT paid for the methamphetamine in cash.

6. Defendant JOSEPH RAGNOLI sold the methamphetamine in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to others, known and unknown to the grand jury.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy, the defendant committed the following overt acts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere:

1. On or about March 17, 2005, defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON shipped approximately ten pounds of methamphetamine inside a plasma television to a location in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

2. On or about March 23, 2005 after the ten pounds of methamphetamine referred to in Overt Act One above arrived in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, defendants EDWARD HUDDLESTON and DAVID STROOT delivered the approximately ten pounds of methamphetamine to defendant JOSEPH RAGNOLI at defendant RAGNOLI’s residence in Bucks County in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

3. On or about June 3, 2005, defendant EDWARD HUDDLESTON

shipped approximately one pound of methamphetamine to defendant DAVID STROOT at a post office box in Dublin, Pennsylvania.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT TWO
(Distribution of Methamphetamine)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about March 23, 2005, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

EDWARD HUDDLESTON,
a/k/a “Edward Huddleston,”
a/k/a “Ed Hud”
a/k/a “Eddie Huddle,”
a/k/a “Eddie Haddleston” and
DAVID STROOT

knowingly and intentionally distributed more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT THREE
(Possession With Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about March 23, 2005, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

JOSEPH RAGNOLI

knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT FOUR
(Distribution of Methamphetamine)

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about June 6, 2005, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

EDWARD HUDDLESTON,
a/k/a “Edward Huddleston,”
a/k/a “Ed Hud”
a/k/a “Eddie Huddle,”
a/k/a “Eddie Haddleston”

knowingly and intentionally distributed more than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B).

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

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